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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF ZOO ANIMALS WITH THE PRC

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1. AGREE GENERALLY WITH AG OFFICER'S ASSESSMENT THAT
COMMERCIAL CHANNELS MIGHT BE EXPEDITIOUS ROUTE FOR
HANDLING PRC REQUEST FOR PLANT MATERIALS AND ZOO ANIMALS
RECEIVED BY K.S. CHUNG. COMMERCE IS ALERTED TO THIS
POSSIBLE TRADE OPPORTUNITY. IN CASE OF ANIMALS, HOWEVER,
WOULD NOT WANT TO RULE OUT U.S. ZOOS AS A POSSIBLE NON-
COMMERCIAL SOURCE OF SUPPLY. IN RECENT MONTHS A NUMBER
OF U.S. ZOOS HAVE EXPRESSED TO DEPARTMENT AN INTEREST IN
DEVELOPING RELATIONS OR EXCHANGING ZOO ANIMALS WITH PRC.

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DEPARTMENT FAVORS EXCHANGES BETWEEN U.S. ZOOS AND

COUNTERPART ORGANIZATIONS IN PRC, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE MUCH PREFERABLE THAT THESE CONTACTS BE DIRECT RATHER THAN THROUGH THIRD PARTIES SUCH AS HONG KONG TRADERS. NEVERTHELESS, IF YOU THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL, DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT OBJECT TO YOUR PASSING TO K.S. CHUNG LIST OF ZOOS CONTAINED PARA 2 BELOW. IF YOU PASS THIS LIST TO CHUNG, YOU SHOULD DO SO INFORMALLY, (PREFERABLY ORALLY), AND WITH NO DIRECT OR IMPLIED USG ENDORSEMENT OF CHUNG'S ACTIVITIES. IT WOULD BE UP TO CHUNG TO WRITE DIRECTLY TO THESE ZOOS. NEITHER DEPARTMENT NOR USDA HAS CONTACTED ANY ZOOS RE CHUNG OR

LIST OF ANIMALS PRC REPORTEDLY DESIRES TO OBTAIN.

2. ZOOS WHICH HAVE INDICATED INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT IN DEVELOPING CONTACTS WITH PRC: NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK, ADAMS MILL ROAD, WASHINGTON, D.C.; PHILADELPHIA ZOO; BRONX ZOO; DENVER ZOO; SAN DIEGO ZOO.

3. SINCE THERE ARE PROBABLY OTHER ZOOS INTERESTED IN ANIMAL EXCHANGE, YOU MAY WANT TO REFER CHUNG TO NATIONAL ZOO ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS:
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ZOOLOGICAL PARKS AND AQUARIUMS
NEW YORK ZOOLOGICAL PARK
BRONX, NEW YORK 10460

4. CHUNG MAY NOT BE ONLY PERSON ACTIVE IN TRYING TO OBTAIN ZOO ANIMALS FOR PRC. AAZPA OFFICIAL TOLD DEPARTMENT AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE CHINA WILDLIFE COMPANY OF HONG KONG HAS WRITTEN TO A NUMBER OF US ZOOS CLAIMING TO BE "EXCLUSIVE AGENTS" FOR IMPORTING AND EXPORTING ANIMALS FROM PRC.

5. USDA CONCURS.
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